

REGIONAL FUGITIVE TASK FORCES

CATCH OF THE WEEK

Week of February 27th, 2006

Taking the Worst of the Worst Off the Streets

<div data-bbox="149 501 870 537" data-label="Section-Header"> <h4>New York/New Jersey Regional Fugitive Task Force</h4> </div> <div data-bbox="149 590 1107 1247" data-label="Text"> <p>On February 28, 2006, the NY/NJ Regional Fugitive Task Force (NY/NJ RFTF) arrested Victor Martinez, an illegal Mexican immigrant wanted by the Syracuse (NY) Police Department for rape, criminal sex act, and endangering the welfare of a child. It is alleged that Martinez had sexual intercourse multiple times with a 14-year-old female from April to July 2005. Martinez was a friend of the victim's family and lived with them at a residence in the Bronx, New York for several years. After the victim's family moved to Syracuse in November 2004, Martinez visited and stayed with the family while performing odd jobs around the home. During these stays with the victim's family, Martinez had sexual intercourse with the victim. On February 21, 2006, the case was referred to the NY/NJ RFTF for investigation and apprehension. Through the course of the investigation, the NY/NJ RFTF pursued numerous leads and developed information indicating that Martinez was staying at a residence in the Bronx. On February 28, 2006, Task Force members proceeded to the target location, arresting Martinez without incident. Custody of the subject was transferred to the Syracuse PD. Martinez will be deported back to Mexico following adjudication of his case in New York.</p> </div>	<div data-bbox="1154 525 1422 835" data-label="Image"> </div> <div data-bbox="1177 835 1401 869" data-label="Caption"> <p>Victor Martinez</p> </div> <div data-bbox="1138 909 1442 1052" data-label="Text"> <p>Wanted for Rape, Criminal Sex Act, and Endangering the Welfare of a Child</p> </div>
<div data-bbox="149 1302 743 1337" data-label="Section-Header"> <h4>Capital Area Regional Fugitive Task Force</h4> </div> <div data-bbox="149 1381 1099 1925" data-label="Text"> <p>Terrence Dicks was wanted by the Prince William County (VA) Police Department for distribution of controlled substances. On February 24, 2006, Prince William County Police detectives requested assistance from the Capital Area Regional Fugitive Task Force (CARFTF) in locating Dicks. With the assistance from the U.S. Marshals Technical Operations Group, CARFTF investigators were able develop leads that Dicks was in Richmond, Virginia. On February 27, 2006, deputy U.S. marshals and Task Force officers from the Richmond Police Department located a rental vehicle outside of a Richmond address that Dicks was believed to be visiting. Approximately one hour later, Dicks was observed departing the address. He was arrested without incident as he approached the rental vehicle. Approximately \$4,000 in cash was seized during the arrest. Dicks has a prior homicide conviction and several arrests for distribution and possession of controlled substances. He is also a person of interest in a Virginia homicide.</p> </div>	<div data-bbox="1167 1331 1408 1686" data-label="Image"> </div> <div data-bbox="1185 1688 1393 1722" data-label="Caption"> <p>Terrence Dicks</p> </div> <div data-bbox="1136 1761 1442 1866" data-label="Text"> <p>Wanted for Distribution of Controlled Substances</p> </div>

Pacific Southwest Regional Fugitive Task Force

On March 1, 2006, Ronald Steven Pietro was arrested by members of the Pacific Southwest Regional Task Force (PSWRFTF), detectives from the Los Angeles PD (LAPD) and agents from the United States Secret Service (USSS). LAPD wanted Pietro for drugging and raping a female victim. The charges allege that on September 30, 2005, Pietro, who has a history of sexual assault and rape, arranged a date at a local restaurant with a woman he met through an internet dating service. Shortly before Pietro was to meet the victim at the restaurant, he contacted her and asked her to meet him at his home. The victim agreed. Once at his residence, Pietro fixed the victim a martini, which detectives believe he drugged. A short time later, the victim became drowsy and eventually lost consciousness. During the early morning hours of October 1, 2005, the victim awoke naked in Pietro's bedroom where he was raping her. The victim was eventually able to escape Pietro's residence and contact the police. LAPD requested the assistance of PSWRFTF in locating and arresting Pietro. PSWRFTF investigators developed information that Pietro would return to his residence to retrieve personal affects. Investigators established surveillance on Pietro's home and observed him exiting the residence. Pietro was then taken in to custody without incident.



Ronald Pietro

Wanted for Rape

Great Lakes Regional Fugitive Task Force

On March 2, 2006, Octavio Rodriguez-Ortiz was arrested by members of the Great Lakes Regional Fugitive Task Force (GLRFTF). Rodriguez-Ortiz was wanted by Mexican authorities for murder. Rodriguez-Ortiz allegedly used a firearm to kill Jesus Garcia Ramos and injure Ramon Ramos-Hernandez at a gas station in San Francisco De Los Romos, Aguascalientes, Mexico on April 25, 1999. Witnesses at the scene identified Rodriguez-Ortiz as the shooter. On September 1, 2006, an agent from Immigration Customs Enforcement (ICE) advised the GLRFTF that they had received information from Mexican authorities that Rodriguez-Ortiz was wanted for murder in Mexico. GLRFTF was informed that though the subject is a Mexican citizen, he legally resided in the United States. Members of the GLRFTF made local checks and were able to verify Rodriguez-Ortiz lived and worked in the Chicago area. The USMS International Investigations Branch, the USMS Mexico City Field Office, and the Office of International Affairs were notified. On February 2, 2006, an arrest warrant was obtained for Rodriguez-Ortiz by the United States Attorney's Office (USAO), Chicago, Illinois. On March 2, 2006, following two days of surveillance, members of GLRFTF observed a male matching the description of the wanted subject exit the target residence. Members of the GLRFTF followed the subject, verifying that it was Rodriguez-Ortiz and apprehended him without incident.



Octavio Rodriguez-Ortiz

Wanted for Murder

Southeast Regional Fugitive Task Force

On February 28, 2006, John Herring was arrested in Buford, Georgia by members of the Southeast Regional Fugitive Task Force (SERFTF). On February 15, 2006, the SERFTF received a collateral lead from the Capital Area Regional Fugitive Task Force (CARFTF) requesting assistance in locating and apprehending Herring. Montgomery County (MD) PD wanted Herring in connection with an armed carjacking and kidnapping that occurred on September 19, 2005. On January 4, 2006, an arrest warrant for Herring was issued for charges of armed robbery, armed carjacking, first degree assault, theft, kidnapping, false imprisonment, and unlawful taking of a motor vehicle. CARFTF investigators subsequently learned that before the warrant was issued, Herring obtained a Georgia driver's license and fled to the Dacula, Georgia area. Based on the driver's license information, SERFTF officers established surveillance at the suspected home, but after several days, saw no activity or sign of Herring. Through further investigation, investigators learned that Herring was possibly working at a retail clothing store. On February 28, 2006, Task Force agents traveled to the business and located Herring working as a salesperson, and arrested him without incident. Herring has one prior arrest for narcotics charges.



John Herring

**Wanted for Armed
Carjacking, Armed
Robbery, First Degree
Assault, Theft,
Kidnapping, and False
Imprisonment**